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Yukako Nii

Application No.: 09/499,401

Confirmation No.: 1212

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Art Unit: 2174

For: INFORMATION PROCESSING  
APPARATUS AND METHOD WITH  
GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE  
ALLOWING PROCESSING CONDITION  
TO BE SET BY DRAG AND DROP, AND  
MEDIUM ON WHICH PROCESSING  
PROGRAM THEREOF IS RECORDED

Examiner: T. T. Vu

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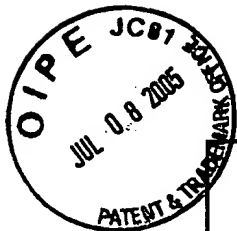
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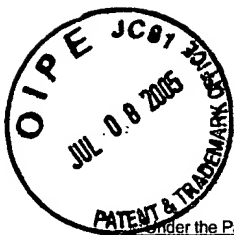
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